

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF  
P E N N S Y L V A N I A

IN RE:

DECLARATION OF LIMITED  
JUDICIAL EMERGENCY IN THE  
36<sup>TH</sup> JUDICIAL DISTRICT

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MD NO: 34 WM 2020

**APPLICATION FOR CONTINUED MODIFICATION**  
**OF STATEWIDE COURT RULES**  
(VIDEO APPEARANCES IN CRIMINAL CASES)

MANCINI, P.J.

JUNE 28, 2021

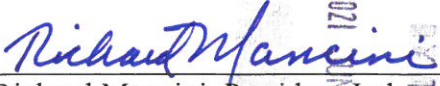
In conjunction with this Court’s previous declaration of a temporary Judicial Emergency, it was ORDERED that advanced communication technology (video appearances) were to be conducted in lieu of transporting incarcerated defendants to the courthouse for certain criminal proceedings, including the following:

- a) Preliminary Hearings;
- b) Plea Hearings;
- c) Sentence Hearings; and
- d) Suppression Hearings.

In an effort to safely continue to conduct proceedings involving incarcerated defendants, it is hereby requested as follows:

1. Richard Mancini, President Judge of the 36<sup>th</sup> Judicial District requests the following relief by Order of the Supreme Court:
  - A. That the 36<sup>th</sup> Judicial District may continue to use advanced communication technology (video appearances) without the advanced consent of incarcerated criminal defendants in regards to the following criminal proceedings:
    - a) Preliminary Hearings;
    - b) Plea Hearings;
    - c) Sentence Hearings; and
    - d) Suppression Hearings.
  - B. That the Supreme Court will suspend the Statewide Court Rules relevant to this request, and
  - C. That the Supreme Court grant this request for an extended suspension through August 31, 2021.
2. Further, that the extended suspension as requested herein, shall expire at the close of business on August 31, 2021, without further Order of Court.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

  
Richard Mancini, President Judge

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THE COURT